

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 01169 01 OF 02 311304Z

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 CPR-01 JUSE-00 USSS-00 SY-05 /092 W

-----058048 311421Z /47

R 302123Z MAR 78

FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0370

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 USUN NEW YORK 01169

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: PINS, UR

SUBJECT: REPLY TO NOTES FROM SOVIET MISSION REGARDING
RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS

REF: (A) USUN 730, (B) USUN 736

1. THERE FOLLS TEXT OF THIRD-PERSON NOTE SENT SOVIET
MISSION MARCH 19, 1978:

BEGIN TEXT

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF ITS NOTES NO. 132, DATED
FEBRUARY 28, 1978, AND NO. 167, DATED MARCH 17, 1978,
WHICH REFER TO THE ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATIONS DIRECTED
AGAINST THE USSR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH
OCCURRED ON FEBRUARY 26, 27, 1978, AND MARCH 15, 1978.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS
RECEIVED REPORTS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USUN N 01169 01 OF 02 311304Z

NEW YORK CONCERNING THESE DEMONSTRATIONS. POLICE RECORDS
REFLECT THAT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1978, FROM 11:30 AM
UNTIL 12:00 NOON, APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED PERSONS
REPRESENTING THE GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE ON SOVIET
JEWRY DEMONSTRATED AT 67TH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE. POLICE
CONFINED THE DEMONSTRATORS TO THAT LOCATION; THEY WERE NOT
ALLOWED INTO EAST 67TH STREET. AT ONE POINT, HOWEVER, TEN

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE ESCORTED BY THE POLICE TO THE GATE IN FRONT OF THE USSR MISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING A NOTE. THE NOTE WAS REFUSED AND THE GROUP WAS ESCORTED BACK TO THE DEMONSTRATION AREA. A SHORT TIME THEREAFTER THE DEMONSTRATION ENDED WITHOUT INCIDENT. POLICE RECORDS ALSO SHOW THAT ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1978, FROM 11:30 AM UNTIL 12:30 PM, FIFTY SOMALI STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE USSR MISSION. THE GROUP WAS ESCORTED FROM A PREVIOUS DEMONSTRATION LOCATION BY POLICE OFFICERS BOTH ON FOOT AND ON HORSE BACK. AT NO TIME WERE THE DEMONSTRATORS ALLOWED TO CROSS POLICE LINES AND ENTER THE EAST 67TH STREET BLOCK OF THE USSR MISSION. THE POLICE REPORT OF THE DEMONSTRATION INDICATES IT ENDED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

THE POLICE REPORT ON THE DEMONSTRATION MENTIONED IN THE USSR NOTE NO. 167 INDICATES THAT ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1978, FROM 6:05 PM UNTIL 6:45 PM, APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED PERSONS REPRESENTING VARIOUS AMERICAN-JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DEMONSTRATED AT THE USSR MISSION. THE GROUP WAS CONFINED BY POLICE TO THE DESIGNATED AREA AT 67TH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE. AT ONE POINT DURING THE PROTEST A GROUP OF FOUR, ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE CONTINGENT OF PRESS, LEFT THE DEMONSTRATION AREA AND WAS ESCORTED BY POLICE TO THE GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE USSR MISSION TO PRESENT A PRAYER BOOK AND YARMULKE. THE PRESENTATION WAS REFUSED. UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 USUN N 01169 01 OF 02 311304Z

THE GROUP REMAINED IN THE MISSION BLOCK NO LONGER THAN FIVE MINUTES. POLICE ADVISE THERE WERE NO UNTOWARD INCIDENTS DURING THIS DEMONSTRATION.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION ONCE AGAIN REJECTS THE NOTION IN THE USSR NOTES THAT THE PRESENCE AT DEMONSTRATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE INFORMATION MEDIA INDICATES THAT RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAD PRIOR WARNING OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS AND FAILED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE USSR MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL. THE FACTS, ARE WHEN THE UNITED STATES MISSION BECAME AWARE ON MARCH 14, 1978 OF THE SCHEDULED MARCH 15, 1978 DEMONSTRATION, THE USSR MISSION WAS IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED. UNITED STATES LAWS ALLOW CITIZENS TO DEMONSTRATE PEACEFULLY. OUR LAWS ALSO GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO CONTROL OVER WHICH NEWS EVENTS THE MEDIA MAY COVER.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEPLORES ALL IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS AGAINST USSR MISSION PERSONNEL OR ITS PROPERTIES AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE USSR MISSION IS AWARE THAT THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE MAINTAIN A FIXED POST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY AT THEIR MISSION. IT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN TO THE USSR MISSION THAT THIS COVERAGE IS INCREASED TO WHATEVER NUMBER IS REQUIRED TO CONTROL DEMONSTRATIONS WHEN THEY OCCUR. THE UNITED STATES MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS MENTIONED IN THE USSR NOTES DID NOT VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END TEXT

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 01169 02 OF 02 311254Z

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-02

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 CPR-01 JUSE-00 USSS-00 SY-05 /092 W

-----057933 311421Z /47

R 302123Z MAR 78

FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0371

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 USUN NEW YORK 01169

2. ON MARCH 30, 1978, COPY OF ABOVE NOTE WAS SENT TO CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY, WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENT. LEONARD

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, DIPLOMATIC NOTES, DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978USUNN01169
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780140-0211
Format: TEL
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978036/aaaaaetg.tel
Line Count: 155
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 4de5a1c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 USUN NEW YORK 730, 78 USUN NEW YORK 736
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3305270
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPLY TO NOTES FROM SOVIET MISSION REGARDING RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS
TAGS: PINS, PDIP, UR, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/4de5a1c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014